Gov. Perdue reminds North Carolina businesses bidding on contracts to follow the procedures for Executive Order No. 50, and check the box entitled Resident Bidder requests the pricematching preference.

"I strongly encourage North Carolina businesses to take advantage of this opportunity. For just 5 percent of the bid, you may be able to beat an out-of-state company," said Gov. Perdue. "That's good news for you, for your employees, and for the state – where we want to keep North Carolinians in good jobs today and in the future."

These 14 companies across the state have received contracts in varying amounts to provide goods and services, ranging from grass seed to medical equipment, metal detectors to overhead projectors, to a number of state agencies. These companies include:

- Red Star Oil Company, Inc. of Raleigh price-matched a bid worth \$2,739,589.10 for E-10 Transport for the Division of Purchase and Contract. The company's original bid was \$48,806.50 more that companies from Georgia, Indiana, and Michigan.
- Green Cycle Design Group of Winston Salem price-matched a bid worth \$8,975 for electric conversion kits for Alamance Community College. The company's original bid was only \$381 more than a company from New Hampshire.
- Ace Home and Building Center, Inc. of Yanceyville price-matched a bid worth \$1,418 for grounds maintenance equipment for the Department of Corrections. The company's original bid was only \$42 more than a company from Virginia.
- Potter Oil and Tire Company of Aurora price-matched a bid worth \$522,131.40 for B-20 transport quantities for the Division of Purchase and Contract. The company's original bid was \$5,208.66 more than a company from Indiana.
- Clark Powell of Winston Salem price-matched a bid worth \$33,132 for projectors and lenses for the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. The company's original bid was only \$825 more than a company from Nebraska.
- Pomona Supply Company of Greensboro price-matched a bid worth \$16,142.05 for pipe for the Department of Transportation. The company's original bid was only \$150.88 more than a company from Virginia.
- Green Resources, LLC of Colfax price-matched a bid worth \$73,568.80 for grass seed for the Department of Transportation. The company's original bid was only \$632.40 more than a company from Virginia.
- LifeServers, Inc. of Raleigh price-matched a bid worth \$35,927.30 for medical equipment to Guilford Technical Community College. The company's original bid was only \$1,200.80 more than a company from Washington.